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197/199 SAFE STAA ACCESS PROJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 23, 2010

Eureka - Caltrans wants to remind the public that comments are being accepted until August 23 on the draft environmental document for the 197/199 Safe STAA Access Project in Del Norte County. The document is available for review at the following locations:

- On the internet at www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/197-199_staa/
- At the Del Norte County Public Library, 190 Price Mall in Crescent City
- At the Caltrans District 1 Office, 1656 Union Street in Eureka, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. (A free copy is available on computer disk and a reference copy is available to read at the office. Printed copies may be purchased with two business days advance notice to allow for printing for \$200. Call 707-445-6440 or e-mail Kevin Church@dot.ca.gov to order. Copies can be mailed for an additional fee.)

The primary purpose of the proposed project is to improve seven spot locations on Routes 197 (two locations) and 199 (five locations) in Del Norte County to allow STAA truck access. STAA trucks are industry standard-sized trucks that can be longer than the currently allowed California legal trucks. The weight limit for both types of trucks is the same. For more information on STAA trucks, please visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/staa.htm.

This project will also provide benefits for all users. Safety-enhancing improvements include wider lanes and shoulders, easing of tight curves, and improved sight distance.

Comments may be submitted by August 23, 2010, to Kim Hayler, PO Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502, or Kimberly_Hayler@dot.ca.gov. For more information, please visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/197-199 staa/ or contact Kevin Church at 707-445-6440 or Kevin_Church@dot.ca.gov.

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